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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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**Report for Tuesday, October 11, 2022, Through Sunday, October 16, 2022.****TUESDAY**10/11/22<sup>1</sup>**BALTAS CONTINUANCE HEARING CASE 22SA0092**

A scheduled continuance of the Baltas hearing held at Los Alamitos Race Course (09-14-22) was conducted today at Santa Anita Park from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm before the BOS, Grant Baker, Luis Jauregui, and Kim Sawyer. Due to the time consuming testimony, the hearing will be continued on October 18, 2022, at Santa Anita Park.

**WEDNESDAY**10/12/22<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES**

Rich Williams was available to oversee entries for Saturday October 15, 2022, and control any issues that might arise. The Saturday program was carded with ten races. Changes to the program were approved.

**THURSDAY**10/13/22<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Williams was again on duty to supervise entries for Sunday (nine races) and approve changes to the Saturday program.

10/13/22<sup>2</sup>**YAKTEEN CONTINUANCE CASE 22LT0003 ref 10-06-22<sup>2</sup>**

The YAKTEEN hearing was finalized today after more information privy to the case was introduced into evidence by CHRB Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea, CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon and trainer Tim Yakteen. Decision to follow.

10/13/22<sup>3</sup>**KROUL HEARING CASE 22SA0186**

The CHRB filed a financial complaint (1876) for Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc against owner AARON ERIK KROUL in the amount of \$900.00 for services rendered. Mr. Kroul was available by telephone and Margie Levine was present representing the Foundation. After much conversation it was evident that Mr. Kroul needed to appear in person and present the documents, he stated would prove he had an agreement with the Foundation. The hearing is continued until Sunday October 16, 2022, at 9:30 am in the Stewards' office.

10/13/22<sup>4</sup>

**VERA HEARING CASE 22SR0036**

The CHRB filed a complaint against groom WILFRIDO VERA for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) for intoxication and a verbal altercation with San Luis Rey Downs Security Officers Victor Gonzalez and Laura Cruz. During the verbal altercation several curse words were directed towards the officers and at one point he stepped close to Security Officer Cruz as if he wanted to turn the verbal into a physical altercation. Respondent Vera was present in the Stewards' office along with Investigator Anne Dillon and Investigator Ryan Russell who filed the complaint was available by Microsoft Teams with witness Victor Gonzalez. After testimony was given and the complaint packet was entered into evidence the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**

10/14/22<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Rich Williams was present in Santa Anita's racing office to approve scratches and program changes for Sunday's card.

**SATURDAY**

10/15/22<sup>1</sup>

**DESORMEAUX RULINGS**

The following two rulings were issued after the BOS received copies of the California Horse Racing Board adoption of the Proposed Decisions regarding two appeals of suspension days given to KENT DESORMEAUX at Del Mar Race Track in 2021.

**LATC RULING #012**

Having received notice of a Proposed Decision adopted by the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD Ruling #11 (July 24, 2021) has been overruled, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (October 21, 22 and 23, 2022).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

**LATC RULING #013**

Having received notice of a Proposed Decision adopted by the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD Ruling #56 (August 21, 2021) has been overruled, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (October 28, 29, 30, November 4, and 5, 2022).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

10/15/22<sup>2</sup>

**KRULJAC RECORDED HEARING CASE 22DM0035**

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against trainer IAN S. KRULJAC for alleged violations of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) that occurred on August 14, 2022, at Del Mar Race Track. The incident involved discourteous behavior and the use of profanity towards State Veterinarian Secretary Vicki Cronk that were disseminated in seventeen (17) emails. Present for the hearing before the BOS were, Investigator's Jeanne Garrido and Anne Dillon and trainer Ian Kruljac. After testimony was heard and the CHRB complaint was entered into evidence the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

10/15/22<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

The ten-race card was performed without notable incident. Any changes made are listed below.

10/15/22<sup>4</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #3 Baladi (Tr. M. McCarthy) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio. Refund \$2,427.62  
2nd race #2 Canadian Pride (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. R. Diodoro. Refund \$52.50  
3rd race No Changes . Refund \$309.44  
4th race #1 Lady Jae (Tr. L. Barocio) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio. Refund \$1,238.15  
5th race #1 Start Them Up (Tr. D. Pederson) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead.  
Refund \$1,578.30  
6th race #2 U R Pressed (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. A. Marquez. Refund \$1,651.00  
7th race #6 Sweet Heidelberg (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
Refund \$806.99  
8th race #3 Feathers (IRE) (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp  
#5 Gallovei (GB) (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. K. Mulhall  
#8 Novella (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. B. Koriner. Refund \$240.00  
9th race #6 Shes a Killa Queen (Tr. Q. Howey) E. Maldonado replaced K. Frey (DJF)  
Refund \$119.00  
10th race #1 In Your Face (Tr. P. Eurton) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead. Refund \$2,679.58

10/15/22<sup>5</sup>

### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,613	\$974,958.06
SCOTWinc	3,942	\$1,550,250.06
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,103,895.27
Total	10,555	\$11,629,103.88

## **SUNDAY**

10/16/22<sup>1</sup>

### **KRULJAC RULING ref 10-15-22<sup>3</sup>**

The ruling was issued following the hearing yesterday.

#### **LATC RULING #014**

Trainer IAN S. KRULJAC is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – discourteous behavior and use of profanity in emails to State Veterinarian Secretary) at Del Mar Racetrack on August 14, 2022. This is his fourth #1874 violation as a licensed trainer in California.

Furthermore, MR. KRULJAC must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

10/16/22<sup>2</sup>

### **JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

ABEL CEDILLO joined the Stewards to review his ride in the ninth race. His inward drift soon after the start was border line careless, unanimously he was issued a warning.

ASH MORGAN met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the eighth race yesterday. After a review, all agreed Mr. Morgan went one over the limit. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

#### **LATC RULING #015**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey ASH MORGAN, who rode LOUD LOUD MUSIC in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on October 15, 2022, is suspended for one (1) day (October 23, 2022), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey ASH MORGAN is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on April 16, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties. Jockey ASH MORGAN has accrued a total of nine(3) points.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

\*Rule #1532. Fine shall be paid to the Paymaster within seven calendar days from the date of this ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

10/16/22<sup>3</sup>

**KROUL RULING ref 10-13-22<sup>3</sup>**

After owner AARON ERIK KROUL failed to appear after he agreed on 10-13-22 to be present to finalize the hearing concerning the CHRB (1876) financial complaint filed against him by Southern Equine Foundation LLC. He is suspended in the following ruling pending an in-person hearing.

**LATC RULING #16**

Owner AARON E. KROUL, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on October 16, 2022, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility- Southern California Equine Foundation \$900.00). Suspension to commence on October 23, 2022.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of AARON E. KROUL are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

10/16/22<sup>4</sup>

**YAKTEEN DECISION CASE 22LTOOO3 ref 10-06-22<sup>2</sup>**

Following much examination and consideration of the mitigating facts presented at the hearing and testimony given by Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea, which confirmed his opinion, the discovery of flunixin in the test sample was due to contamination defined the BOS decision to dismiss the complaint.

10/16/22<sup>5</sup>

**JOCKEY OBJECTION/ NO CHANGE/ FIRST RACE ¾ dirt**

Following the running of the race apprentice jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR who rode #6 GOLDENSPA (2<sup>nd</sup>) lodged a claim of foul against #7 LITTLEBROTHERJOEY (R. Vasquez 1<sup>st</sup>) for a possible incident near the 3/8 marker. After a review of the angles available, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with both jockeys the original order of finish was made official. In a unanimous decision there was slight contact, but it did not affect the final placing.

10/16/22<sup>6</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

After a physical examination of #6 LADY PROTONICO who raced in the sixth race by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Jeff Engler.

10/16/22<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> race	#3 Pacific States (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$2,490.77
2nd race	#3 Nolongerahobby (Tr. R. Saldana) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead Refund \$490.81
3rd race	#5 Rhythem On Stage (Tr. C. Gaines) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead Refund \$858.54
4th race	No Changes. Refund \$15.00
5 <sup>th</sup> race	No Change. Refund \$0
6 <sup>th</sup> race	#2 Jamminjl (Tr. S. Rivera) claimed by Tr. R. Diodoro #3 Starship Defiant (Tr. R. Diodoro) claimed by Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr. #4 A Broken Breeze (Tr. J. Wong) claimed by Tr. A. Harris #6 Lady Protonico (Tr. J. Engler) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin VOID. Refund \$4.50
7th race	#9 Time to Party (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou. Refund \$95.50
8th race	#2 Laurel Canyon (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio #6 Respectfully (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio. Refund \$611.30
9th race	No Changes. Refund \$0

10/16/22<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,624	\$753,621.48
SCOTWinc	3,138	\$1,104,675.37
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,681,407.81
Total	8,762	\$8,539,704.66

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 10/10/22 TO 10/16/22**

Horses on Vet List	13
Horses off Vet List	5
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Sat 10/15</b>	<b>Sun 10/16</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	5	7	17
<b>Claims</b>	5	5	10	33
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>Refunds</b>	10	7	17	67
<b>Rulings</b>	3	3	6	16
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	1	1	5

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Rich Williams, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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